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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY • APRIL 24, 2022

Clergy

Msgr. David C. Kunz, Pastor
Fr. Samuel C. McCarty, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Robert G. Riedl, Deacon

Weekend Mass Schedule

ST. MARY'S CHURCH — 303 W MONROE ST, TOMAH

Saturday — 4:00 PM

Sunday — 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH — 203 MAY ST, WARRENS

Saturday — 6:00 PM

Weekday Mass Schedule

ST. MARY'S CHURCH — 303 W MONROE ST, TOMAH

Tuesday — 5:30 PM

Wednesday-Friday — 8:00 AM

Adoration

Tuesday — 4:00 PM-5:15 PM

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday — 4:30 PM-5:15 PM

Thursday — 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

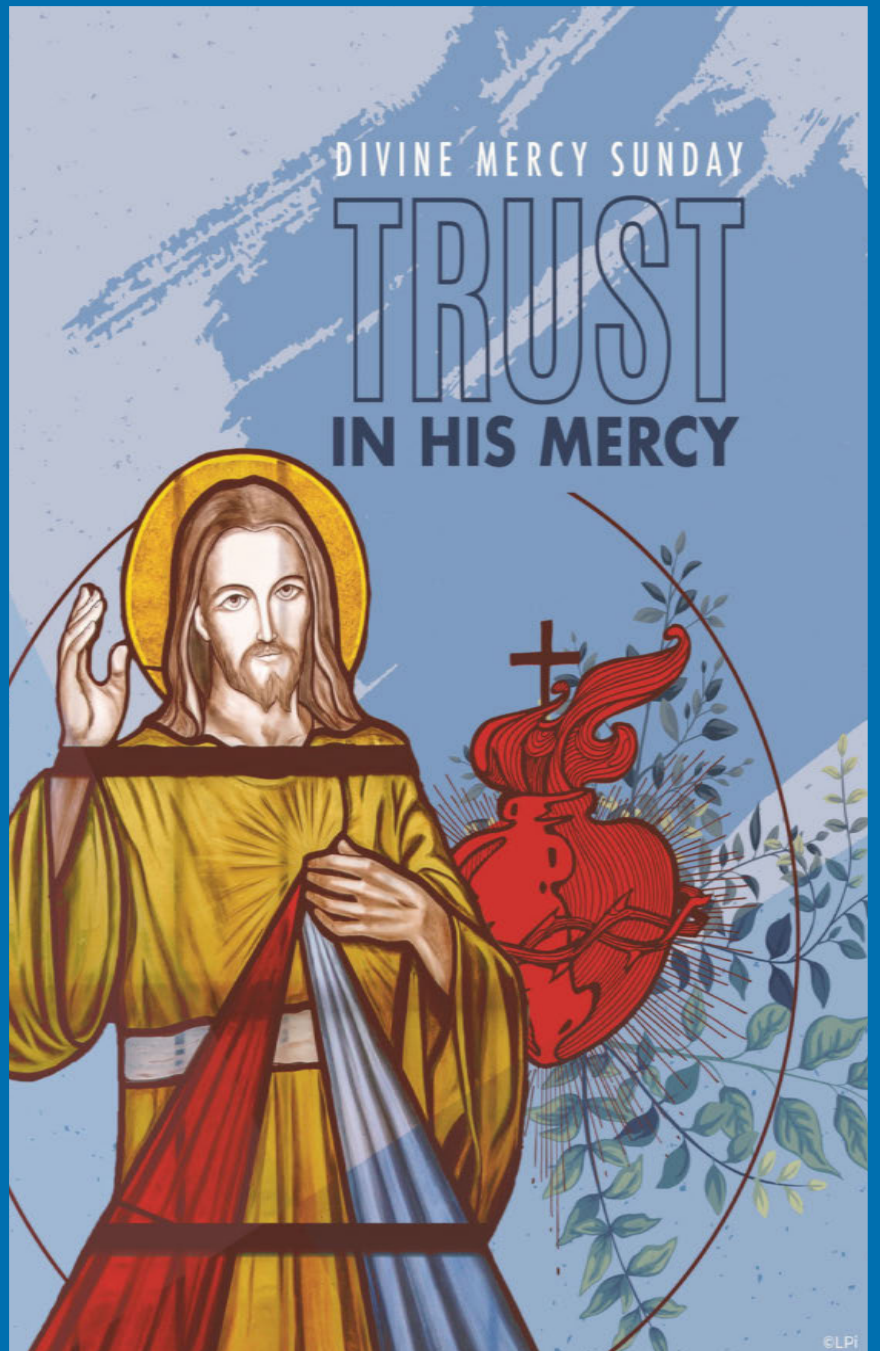
Contact Jon Burbach at 372-4516x3 to schedule a baptism. Parents must complete baptismal preparation prior to their first child's reception of the sacrament.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the parish office to arrange for marriage preparation at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office to arrange an anointing for severe illness, before a planned surgery, hospice entry, etc.



Parish Office

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 16-17

Estimated Weekly Need.....	\$13,840.00
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$8,671.00
Easter.....	\$9,177.00
Online Giving/ACH.....	\$1,590.00
Weekly Total.....	\$19,438.00

Gospel Reflection

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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Shelter the Homeless

Looking to check off Box #3 in the Corporal Works of Mercy Department? Our parish will be hosting Family Promise at the KC Hall from Sunday, May 15-Sunday, May 22.

Volunteers are needed to "be present" whenever the homeless family is at the hall. Times needed: weekday shifts from 4:30pm-8:30pm, weekend shifts of 3-4 hours, and overnight shifts from 8:30pm-6:00am.

Whether you've helped in the past or would like to get involved with Family Promise, we'd love to hear from you!

Deacon Bob
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Catholic Q and A

Question: What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer: The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization." Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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Intentions for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday, April 23 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Helen Hess

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

Sunday, April 24 Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 AM Pat LeSavage

Randall & Peg Ahlstrom

9:00 AM Bev Drew

10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Neitzel and Matyas Families

Divine Mercy Holy Hour — 2:00pm-3:00pm
Confession — 2:00pm-3:00pm

Tuesday, April 26

9:30 AM *School:* Richard Skofronick

Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm

Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (SM)

5:30 PM Elizabeth Dwyer

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 AM Carla Downing

10:00 AM *PCCW Honoraries:* Reiney Popp

Thursday, April 28

8:00 AM Joseph Rutchik and Family

9:30 AM *School:* Jim Kincannon

Confession — 5:00pm-6:00pm (SM)

Friday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 AM Nathan Neitzel and Becky Wolf

Saturday, April 30 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Bob Betthausen

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM Jerry and Rosie Haun

Sunday, May 1 3rd Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

9:00 AM Mark Janeczko

10:30 AM Sister Pat Sheridan



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

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What is Divine Mercy?

I was able to go to the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow in 2014 and remember God's mercy in two ways. First, the food in Poland was cheap, delicious, and included lots of meat. I remember a particular restaurant where a friend and I ordered the "Admiral's Platter" which included various and sundry sausages, a giant schnitzel, grilled meats, as well as potatoes and multiple forms of cabbage. Undeserved and glorious, just like God's mercy.

Of course the second experience of God's mercy was at the shrine where we stayed for a few days. It was a very peace-filled place (a hallmark of God's grace) and it was great to reflect on how the Lord had worked through Sister Faustina to remind us about the ocean of his mercy. Today is a great opportunity to remember that our sins are not greater than the love of God. Here's a little passage from St. Faustina's *Diary* that can help remind us about God's goodness and how good it is to trust him:

I fly to Your mercy, Compassionate God, who alone are good. Although my misery is great and my offenses are many, I trust in Your mercy, because you are the God of mercy; and, from time immemorial, it has never been heard of, not do heaven or earth remember, that a soul trusting in Your mercy has been disappointed...

Jesus, Friend of a lonely heart, You are my haven, You are my peace. You are my salvation, You are my serenity in moments of struggle and amidst an ocean of doubts. You are the bright ray that lights up the path of my life. You are everything to a lonely soul. You understand the soul even though it remains silent. You know our weaknesses, and, like a good physician, You comfort and heal, sparing us sufferings - expert that You are.



MAY GOD GRANT THEM
ETERNAL REST

Gladys Mack — April 19

Daily Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will be leading the Rosary at St. Mary's every weekday during May, the month of our Blessed Mother Mary, at 5:00pm, and before Mass on Saturday.

The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results.
 —St. Josemaria Escriva

School News

****Partnering with parents to provide Catholic formation and quality education extending beyond the classroom****

School Office: (608) 372-5765

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:30pm

Mass Schedule

Grades 4K-2 — Tuesday, April 26 at 9:30am

Grades 3-5 — Thursday, April 28 at 9:30am

Religious Education

Director of Religious Ed: Jon Burbach
 Religious Education Office: 608-372-4516 x3
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Sunday, April 24

Level 9: Small Groups

Wednesday, April 27

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm

Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

Sunday, May 1

Level 9: Large Group

Wednesday, May 4

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm

Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

Divine Mercy Sunday



As the faithful prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, it is important to review the meaning and historical significance of the day. On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus. She wrote in her diary that He said: *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for*

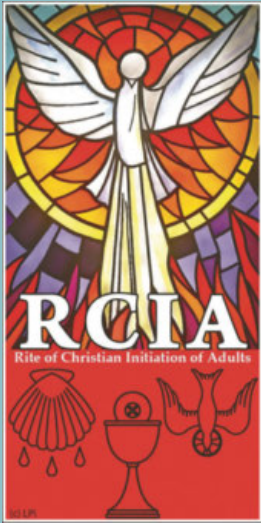
all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

According to the vision, those who receive communion and attend confession on the Feast of Mercy receive total forgiveness of sins.

Divine Mercy Sunday at QA:

Holy Hour and Confessions — 2pm-3pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction — 3pm



Front Row: Tryston Coffman, Chris Urmanski, Matt Kreuzer and Rhett Kreuzer
Back Row: Deacon Bob, Monsignor Kunz and Father Sam

Congratulations!



We celebrate with this year's RCIA class and congratulate them on their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation!



Rhett received his First Holy Communion on Holy Thursday, and at the Easter Vigil, we warmly welcomed Chris into the Kingdom of God through the Sacrament of Baptism, Tryston into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, and Matt completed his Sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion and Confirmation).

May they never cease to hunger and thirst for the table of the Lord!

CHRISM MASS

The 4th and 5th Graders at QA School attended the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral during Holy Week! Here are some of their takeaways:



- These are my reasons I loved this Mass: The first thing was all the priests, deacons and the bishop being there to serve God. The second thing was the singing from the choir up top and the third thing was that the bishop always sang everything, even the response! —Annabelle K.
- I enjoyed the Chrism Mass because of the blessing of the oils. I liked the Chrism Mass since of how the whole cathedral told the story of the Church. —Paul F.
- I thought the Chrism Mass was beautiful along with the church. I thought it was cool getting to see most of the priests. I thought it was amazing to see how the oils were blessed. —William M.

Baptism

We are delighted to welcome our newest member into the Body of Christ!

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